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FROM FRANK C. CONAHAN, DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN BRANCH, USGAO

PARIS FOR MR. VERSCHUUR, COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS

1. THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IS CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN AND COMPUTER AIDED MANUFACTURE (CAD/CAM) APPLICATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND SELECTED FOREIGN COUTRIES. GAO INTEREST IN CAD/CAM IS THE STATE OF THE ART IN UTILIZATION OF COMPUTERS IN ALL PHASES OF MANUFACTURING RANGING FROM PRODUCT DESIGN THROUGH CONTROL OF MACHINE TOOLS IN ACTUAL PRODUCTION, TO PACKING AND SHIPPING OF THE FINAL PRODUCT.

2. THE REVIEW IN FRANCE WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MESSRS. DONALD INGRAM, PHILIPPE DARCY, AND DAVID MARTIN. THESE MEN ARE ASSIGNED TO THE GAO EUROPEAN BRANCH OFFICE IN FRANKFURT.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS FOR THESE MEN WITH THE FOLLOWING:

A. EMBASSY-RECOMMENDED OFFICIAL(S) OF THE MINISTRY FOR INDUSTRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT.

B. OFFICIA(S) OF THE GENERAL DELEGATION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH (DGRST).

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C. OFFICIAL(S) OF THE AGENCE NATIONALE DE VALORISATION DE LA

RECHERCHE (ANVAR).

D. OFFICIAL(S) OF THE SOCIETE NATIONALE INDUSTRIELLE AERO-SPATIALE. POSSIBLE CONTACT WOULD BE MR. CLAUDE ACKER AND/OR MR. P. MAGANI.

E. OFFICIAL(S) OF THE COMPAGNIE INTERNATIONALE PPOUR L'INFORMATIQUE. POSSIBLE CONTACTS WOULD BE MR. J. C. GENDRE AND/OR MR. FRANCOIS PRESTRAT.

F. OFFICIAL(S) OF THE ASSOCIATION NATIONALE DE LA RECHERCHE TECHNIQUE (ANRT).

G. PRODUCTION OFFICIALS AT A FEW MANUFACTURING CONCERNS WHICH MAY BE USING CAD/CAM TECHNIQUES.

4. OUR PRESENT ITINERARY WOULD HAVE MESSRS. INGRAM, DARCY, AND MARTIN IN FRANCE FOR INTERVIEWS FROM NOV 25 TO DEC 6. PLEASE SET UP THOSE APPOINTMENTS WHICH YOU CAN AND NOTIFY US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF APPOINTMENTS TENTATIVELY MADE.

5. THE SUBJECT REVIEW IS LARGELY EXTERNAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE EXCEPT IN GENERAL FOREIGN RELATIONS TERMS. GOVERNMENT AND OTHER HOST COUNTRY CONTACTS MAY BE ASSURED THAT THE REVIEW DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN AUDIT OF ANY NON-U.S. INSTITUTIONS BUT SHOULD BE VIEWED AS AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE STATE OF THE CAD/CAM ART.

6. AN QUESTIONS ON THIS REVIEW SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MESSRS. INGRAM AND MARTIN. (TELEPHONE FRANKFURT 740071, EXTENSION 326).HARLAN

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